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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS REPORTS ON CARTER-SCHMIDT TALKS

1. SENSATIONALIST GUN AYDIN JULY 17 CARRIED A WASHINGTON DATELINED STORY CLAIMING THAT PRESIDENT CARTER AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AGREED DURING LATTER'S RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON TO EXTEND A ONE BILLION DOLLAR LOAN TO TURKEY. PURPOSE OF THE LOAN WOULD BE TO ALLOW TURKEY TO PUT HER ECONOMIC HOUSE IN ORDER AND THUS STRENGTHEN THE SOUTHERN FLANK OF NATO AND REDUCE THE CHANCES OF TURKEY'S TURNING TO THE USSR FOR ASSISTANCE. COMPANION STORY ALSO ALLEGED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER TOLD SCHMIDT US WAS DISAPPOINTED TURKISH ELECTIONS HAD NOT RESULTED IN A SINGLE-PARTY GOVERNMENT.

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2. COMMENT: THIS STORY REPRESENTS THE POSITIVE, OR WISHFUL THINKING, SIDE OF TURKISH SUPPOSITIONS ABOUT OUTSIDE POWERS' INVOLVEMENT IN TURKEY'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. THE NEGATIVE SIDE IS THE GROWING SUSPICION THAT THE US IS USING THESE PROBLEMS AS A MEANS OF PRESSURE FOR A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. THE COMMON THEME IN BOTH SIDES IS THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE US NECESSARILY PLAYS OR CAN PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN BOTH THE PROBLEMS AND THEIR SOLUTION,

AND THAT POLITICAL DECISIONS DETERMINE HOW THAT ROLE IS TO BE CARRIED
OUT. THIS ASSUMPTION MAY ITSELF BECOME A POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
REALITY WITH WHICH WE MUST DEAL. WE WILL CONTINUE WATCHING THIS
DEVELOPMENT AND WILL FORWARD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION, IF
APPROPRIATE.
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